

FOURTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

The Peabody Institute,

OF

SOUTH DANVERS.



SOUTH DANVERS:

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1866.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of South
Danvers, qualified to vote in town affairs, held March 19th, 1866,
by adjournment from March 5th, 1866, it was

VOTED, That the Report of the Trustees of the Peabody
Institute, together with the accompanying documents, be ac-
cepted, and that a sufficient number of the same to supply
each family in town with a copy, be printed, under the super-
vision of the Town Clerk, for distribution.

A true copy of record.

Attest:

N. H. POOR, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of the Peabody Institute submit to the Town their fourteenth annual report, with the accompanying documents, embracing the reports of the Lyceum and Library Committee and the various sub-committees and officers. These sub-reports give full and detailed statements of all the operations of the past year, and indicate a degree of prosperity and success, which, in view of the means at command to secure the ends attempted, is truly gratifying. The two branches of the government of the Institute have acted in entire harmony, the different officers have discharged their respective duties with fidelity and zeal, the number of our people availing themselves of the invaluable privileges freely

extended to all has increased, the manifold good influences which flow from such an institution have visibly widened and expanded, and this great enterprise in behalf of "knowledge and morality," now long since passed beyond the region of experiment or trial, has fastened itself yet more deeply in the affections of all, and is cherished with a higher appreciation and a fonder regard.

During the past year a larger sum than usual has had to be expended in making repairs upon the buildings belonging to the Institute, as well as for improvements in the Library Room, so that the amount left for disbursement by the Lyceum and Library Committee was reduced to narrow limits. The necessary result was, that in the department of lectures, the intellectual entertainment furnished the past season was somewhat less than usual,—but though the course was short, the character of the lectures was upon the whole of a high order, and is believed to have given a good degree of satisfaction.

In the Library a great advance has been made, and the year just closed may well be regarded as an eventful one in its history. By the thoughtful and timely generosity of Mr. PEABODY, in sending to us last summer thirty-five hundred volumes, to be divided between the Main and Branch Libraries in the proportion of two-thirds to the former and one-third to the latter, we have not only a large accession to the number of our books, but many rare and costly works now adorn our shelves, and lend increased and permanent value and attraction to this department of the Institute. The whole number of volumes now composing the Library, (including 5,246 in the Branch Library) is 16,773. This is indeed a goodly number,—and it may safely be added that the quality

is quite up to the quantity, and that, in various excellence, and in all those elements which go to make up a good popular library, there is no public library of the same size which surpasses that of the Institute. This result is to be attributed, alike to the judicious care exercised by Mr. Peabody, through his agents, in the selection of his original and subsequent donations, and to the discrimination, good taste and sound judgment of those who have had the active administration of the Library, and the charge of purchasing from time to time the volumes which have thus been added to it. Too much credit, in this respect, cannot be awarded to the present Librarian, whose faithful and devoted labors are worthy of frequent and grateful recognition.

Every event in the life of the founder of the Institute, every new act of charity or noble deed illustrating his character, cannot fail to be of interest to those who have been among the chosen recipients of his bounty, and the favored objects of his judicious and discriminating generosity. By a felicitous coincidence, upon the day when we were celebrating the anniversary of Mr. Peabody's birth-day, the news reached us, that he had increased his already munificent provision for the poor of London by the additional gift of £100,000, making as the total of his bequest for this object the sum of £250,000, or \$1,250,000,—a most princely endowment, and an act of private charity probably without a parallel. Gratifying as must be this magnificent bequest to those who are to be its beneficiaries, and calling forth as it does their liveliest gratitude and praise, by none can it be more highly admired than by those who, like ourselves, have known by happy experience the blessings and have basked in the sunshine of such beneficence. Nor does it detract from the merit of this great

act, nor do we feel any the less delight in it, that it is to enure to the benefit of strangers, and that foreigners are to be blessed by the bounty of our countryman. True Christian charity knows no limits of country, no difference of clime, no distinction of race. All of God's creatures are alike the favored objects of its care. Wherever upon His footstool there are suffering human beings, with wants to be relieved, miseries to be alleviated, sorrows to be assuaged, there Christian charity finds its fit field of labor, there it rightly goes upon its divine errands of mercy. The great and titled ones of England may murmur their admiration, and the British press may well give honest voice to the grateful emotions of the British people, but here in this humble New England town, where the great benefactor was born and passed his early days, here honest hearts will beat faster and glow warmer for this exhibition of high virtue, and no where else will there be a truer or more sincere appreciation of this splendid benefaction. There can be amongst us no such feeling as jealousy or envy. We rejoice at, we take a just pride in seeing what noble deeds have been done by our own townsman in the world's metropolis. May his charity be twice blessed. May it bless him who gives and those who take. And as for this institution which he has founded here in the home of his youth, the heart which is ever prompting such good works, which has overflowed in this last great act, will not suffer this favored offspring of his wise benevolence to languish or fail. It will still and always be the object of his fostering care. But should Mr. Peabody do no more for us, the good he has already accomplished, larger and wider than we can now measure, will entitle him to what he will most surely have, our deepest and most abiding gratitude and love. And reflecting upon the incalculable choice

influences of which this Institute is the rich fountain, not only for the present but for succeeding generations, well may we feel that its founder could have for his memory no more honorable or enduring monument.

The Trustees cannot conclude their report without allusion to one subject of sad but deep interest. During the year death has been busy in our ranks. Mr. MILES O. STANLEY rendered efficient service to the Lyceum and Library Committee as its Clerk, and took an active part in all their labors. He was a person of cultivated mind, of unblemished character, of modest deportment, had the confidence of his fellow townsmen, faithfully performed the public duties they entrusted to him, and now, passing away, has left to his surviving associates and friends the memory and example of a worthy and upright man.

The Hon. ROBERT S. DANIELS was, from the very foundation of the Institute in 1852, until almost the last day of his life, identified with it, and all its operations. For many years at the head of this board, afterwards for several years Chairman of the Lyceum and Library Committee, then re-elected and serving as a Trustee and at the same time acting upon the Committee, he took the deepest interest in the success of the Institute, devoted much time and attention to its affairs, and perhaps more than any other individual contributed to its prosperity and growth. His energy was untiring, his assiduity of labor knew no bounds. There was probably never a day or night when the doors of the Institute were open, and he in health, that he was not personally present, rejoicing at every manifestation of its usefulness, watching with jealous care that nothing went amiss, and eager and anxious to maintain its character and promote its welfare. Aside from his connection

with the Institute, Mr. Daniels was all through his life a prominent citizen of the town, county and State. He was frequently honored with high public trusts, which he discharged with fidelity and ability. To all enterprises which promised benefit to the neighborhood or the community, he lent a prompt and helping hand. He was a man of strong native powers, which much reading and culture had made effective for use. He had his peculiarities, his individuality, as what man who is worth much has not? He was firm and decided in his opinions, (his opinions were convictions,) and was open and strong in his expression of them,—and thus he sometimes came in violent collision with others, and temporary differences were the natural consequence. But no one could fail to recognize the integrity of the man, and all of us must deeply mourn the severe loss we have sustained in his death. He was one of those men who give character to a place. He was the uncompromising friend of law and order, of education and religion, an honest man, a reliable citizen, a steadfast friend. As one by one these pillars and ornaments of our social fabric are falling, these leaders of a former generation passing away, let us pay a humble tribute to their memory and virtues, while we indulge the hope that others may arise who shall be animated by their example, and thus fitted to assume the burdens they have so manfully borne.

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Trustees,

A. A. ABBOTT, *President.*

REPORT OF THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE:

I have the honor to submit herewith the reports of the Librarian of the Institute, and of the Branch Library at Danvers; also, the reports of the Sub-Committees on Lectures and the Library.

By the Treasurer's report it appears there was expended during the past year, for new books and periodicals, \$421.50, and for lectures, \$286 40, leaving a balance in the hands of the Committee, after deducting outstanding bills, of about \$200.00.

The Librarian reports, that the number of volumes circulated during the past year was about the same as in previous years, but that the number of persons who have availed themselves of the privileges of the Library has greatly increased.

The very large donation of books from the founder of the Institute received during the past year, is a most valuable acquisition to the Library. The successive invoices of rare and costly books that we are constantly receiving from Mr. PEABODY, manifests in the plainest manner that he has not forgot-

ten his native town, and gives us reason to expect our Library, already numbering 12,000 volumes, may ultimately become one of the largest, as it is now one of the best selected in the State, containing many complete sets of valuable books not to be found except in a few of the largest libraries in the world.

The Library has also been enriched from time to time by valuable books presented by citizens of the town, and others. In this way we have obtained many expensive works that the means at the disposal of the Committee would not admit of their purchasing. I trust that in future our citizens generally will contribute books to the Library and works of art to ornament the Institute. Every such contribution increases the value and usefulness of the institution, and I know of no way in which our citizens can confer a more lasting benefit on present and future generations.

The lectures this season were more than ordinarily interesting and instructive, but the limited sum that could be spared for the use of the Lyceum Committee, prevented their securing so large a number as would have been desirable.

The Peabody Institute, in common with other institutions sustained by a fixed annual income, has suffered, and still suffers, from the effects of the war, now happily terminated. While our income remains the same, the ordinary expenses for fuel, lights, rebinding books, printing, etc., have been doubled, thus materially reducing the sums that can be appropriated by the Committee to pay for lectures and to increase the Library. At the same time it should be remembered, the price of books has advanced one hundred per cent., and the expense of lectures has materially increased.

During the past year, we, in common with our fellow-citizens, have been called to mourn the death of both the Chairman and Secretary of our Committee. Mr. ROBERT S. DANIELS had been identified with the Peabody Institute from its foundation, and had ably filled the position of Chairman of the Lyceum and Library Committee for many years. He discharged all the duties of the position with fidelity, and took

the warmest interest in the welfare of the institution ; indeed it is not too much to say that the success which has attended the practical working of the institution was due in a great degree to his watchful oversight and care.

Mr. MILES O. STANLEY, the late Secretary of the Committee, had served only a few years on the board, but long enough to endear himself to his colleagues, by the prompt and efficient manner in which he performed every duty. It will not be easy to fill the places made vacant by the deaths of Mr. Daniels and Mr. Stanley.

I refer you to the able and interesting reports transmitted herewith for a more detailed statement of the working of the different departments of the Institute.

The relations between the Committee and the officers of the Institute have been at all times harmonious. The officers have performed their duties zealously and acceptably. At no time has the Institute fulfilled the great idea of its founder—the “promotion of knowledge and morality”—better than at the present.

THOMAS E. PROCTOR,

Chairman of the Lyceum and Library Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

The Library Committee would respectfully submit the following report :—

As stated in the report of the Librarian, the matter particularly worthy of interest in connection with the Library the past year, has been the large donation of books received from Mr. PEABODY. For a full statement in relation to this valuable gift, we would refer to the report of the Librarian, and to the letter of Mr. Peabody included therewith.

This large accession of useful and valuable books has been of great interest to our citizens who avail themselves of the privileges of the Library, and to the large number of strangers who visit it.

In accordance with the instructions of Mr. Peabody, such books in the number presented by him as were duplicates of copies on the shelves, were exchanged for new publications. This has afforded the Committee an opportunity of procuring a larger number of valuable recent publications than they could otherwise have obtained.

The Committee have endeavored to keep constantly in mind

the fact that this institution was not established for a year, or a generation, but that it was destined to live for centuries, and perhaps to endure for all time a permanent institution, constantly increasing in power and usefulness—a living monument of the generosity and wisdom of its founder. With this thought in view, it has been their aim, so far as the funds placed at their disposal would allow, to secure for the Library as large a share as possible of valuable standard books. They have, however, been obliged to pass by many of the costlier works even among recent publications. For, while they would regard the position and influence which the Library is to maintain in the future, they have not neglected to regard the work which it is to do, and is doing in the present, especially among the younger portion of the community, as witnessed by the large number of this class who may be seen in the Library-Room on the days of delivery. To supply the wants of this class, as well as a large number of adult readers, the Committee have added a liberal proportion of popular books, endeavoring to exercise a judicious care in their selection, and to procure only such as would be interesting and profitable reading.

The Committee cannot compare the working of this Library with other similar institutions. But as far as their opportunities and enquiries have enabled them to judge, they are of the opinion that no institution has proved more successful in carrying out the objects for which it was founded, than this. From the beginning, a very large proportion of our citizens have availed themselves of its privileges; and the whole community have exhibited a great interest in its prosperity and usefulness. This interest has been constantly increasing with the growth of the Library.

The present number of books, embracing many of the best works on almost every variety of subject, could not fail to secure the permanent interest of our citizens. But those most familiar with the working of this, or of any similar library, must have observed that an active and extended interest is

secured only by the frequent accession of new books. It is this which makes the benefit of this Library so diffusive, which secures the constant and continued interest of so large a number of our citizens.

This is emphatically an age of thought, and every man desires to know the latest thought and its latest expression. Hence there is a constant demand for new books. Next to the church and the school, the public library is the great educator of the people. We cannot therefore prize too highly the far-seeing generosity of the founder of this institution, who, not content with founding, has made provision for its future growth, and thus secured for it the constantly increasing interest of future generations.

A desire has been expressed that the Library Room should be opened each day of the week, except Sundays. The Committee are aware that this would be desirable, especially as it would enable them to provide for the reading of the Monthlies and other periodicals, without allowing them to be taken from the room. But it would require an additional expense for warming, and lighting, and for attendants. The sum remaining to be expended for books would thereby be reduced; and as the expense of binding is annually increasing, no further reduction of the sum appropriated for rebinding and purchase of books can be allowed without seriously diminishing the interest in the Library.

If it is possible for the Trustees to appropriate a larger sum for the use of the Committee the coming year, they would recommend that a small amount be applied for the payment of two young men as assistants in place of the small boys, whom the Librarian is now forced to employ.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

AMOS MERRILL, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE LYCEUM SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Sub-Committee on the Lyceum respectfully report, that at an early day after their appointment an organization was effected, and the first subject which claimed their attention was the expediency of adopting some regulation by which the audience might be so limited in number that the hall would not be overcrowded. So much inconvenience and annoyance have heretofore been experienced from this cause, that the attention of the Board of Trustees has been called to the subject, and various plans to remedy the acknowledged evil were suggested. None of these fully met the views of the Committee and consequently none were adopted.

A short Course of eight Lectures was arranged, this number being all that could be provided under the limited appropriation placed in the hands of the Committee, and the doors were thrown open to the public under the old regulations. As was anticipated by some, but to the surprise of others, it was found that there was ample room in the hall to seat the largest audiences at all the lectures. So much annoyance had been suffered the preceding season from overcrowding, that many families declined attending the new course of lectures, so that

the number of auditors perceptibly diminished. For this reason, although the hall was generally well filled, there has been at no time such a crowd as to prevent any from obtaining eligible seats. Although we have thus happily escaped this evil the present season, it may again occur on any occasion of special attraction, and the Committee are still of opinion that in future some measure should be adopted by which the number of the audience may be limited to the comfortable occupation of the Lecture room.

The Course this season consisted, as has already been stated, of eight Lectures, including one entertainment of Dramatic Readings. These were all well received and some of them were of marked ability. Three were on scientific subjects and these gratified a want which has often been felt in making up a well-balanced course of lectures; not from the want of men learned in scientific subjects, but of those who could easily make their stores of learning available to the common mind. The two lectures by Prof. J. P. COOKE, Jr., of Harvard College, were exceedingly able and instructive and were accompanied by very brilliant and successful experiments. It is but seldom that our Lyceums are furnished with instruction on scientific topics, conveyed in language and manner so intelligible to a mixed audience.

The following table gives the names of the lecturers, with the subjects of the lectures and dates of their delivery:—

December 5, 1865, Rev. Dr. WILLIAM HAGUE, of Boston. American Nationality.

December 12, 1865, Prof. J. P. COOKE, Jr., of Cambridge. The Wonders of a Drop of Water.

December 19, 1865, Prof. J. P. COOKE, Jr., of Cambridge. The Glaciers.

December 26, 1865, Miss HELEN EASTMAN, of Lowell. Dramatic Readings.

Jan. 1, 1866, Rev. DAVID A. WASSON, of Boston. Simplicity, a Source of Strength.

Jan. 9, 1866, Rev. Dr. GEO. W. BRIGGS, of Salem. Statesmanship.

Jan. 16, 1866, Dr. GEO. B. LORING, of Salem. Thomas Jefferson.

Jan. 23, 1866, Prof. P. A. CHADOURNE, of Williamstown. Influence of Plants on the World.

Respectfully submitted,

F. POOLE,	} Committee.
J. W. UPTON,	
A. MCKENZIE,	
F. BAKER,	
T. E. PROCTOR,	

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE OF THE PEABODY
INSTITUTE:

Gentlemen:—In reporting the condition and progress of the Library for the past year, the principal event, and one which almost makes an era in its history, is the receipt from Mr. PEABODY of nearly 3,500 volumes of books, most of them English editions and many of them of rare excellence. They cannot be better described than by the publication of Mr. Peabody's letter, which accompanied the gift and which is here subjoined:

LONDON, May 24th, 1865.

HON. ROBERT S. DANIELS:

Dear Sir:—I enclose a Bill Lading and Charges for 34 cases of books, on board the ship *Helen Sands* that sailed for Boston on the 5th inst., and will probably arrive soon after this is received. They are addressed to your Librarian, FITCH POOLE, Esq., and contain 3,494 volumes of books, which I present to your Institution and its Branch at Danvers, in *every respect* the same as those I sent last year, viz:—two-thirds to the Institute and one-third to the Branch, and are to be divided by the two Librarians accordingly.

Mr. SOMERBY has devoted a considerable time since last autumn in buying these books for me, and he says they comprise a collection in all branches of

literature. The numerous works on Theology will prove a valuable addition to both libraries, and the classical and scientific student will find much to interest him; while the modern literature, light reading and periodicals will commend themselves to the general reader. The agriculturist and mechanic have not been forgotten, as there are many books specially adapted to these pursuits. The fine collection of colored views in portfolios and the illustrated books, will, I have no doubt, be deservedly popular.

A very valuable part of the collection is the *Times* newspaper. A set like this is rarely to be met with for sale, and I believe there are not more than two or three sets in New England.

As the books were not separately selected but generally purchased in lots, there may be some copies of works already possessed or not required by your Library or that of the Branch at Danvers—I therefore authorize the disposal or exchange for others of all such books, according to the views and judgment of the Librarians.

All charges and freight have been paid up to their delivery in Boston;—the charges there and carriage to South Danvers will be paid by Messrs. BLAKE BROTHERS, on my account.

Respectfully, yours,

GEORGE PEABODY.

Agreeably to the directions contained in the foregoing letter, an equitable and satisfactory division was made with the Branch Library, which was represented by SAMUEL P. FOWLER, Esq., who was then the temporary Librarian. In this division it naturally happened that some of the heaviest works became the property of the principle Library. Among these was the series of the London *Times* in fifty-seven volumes, embracing a period of time when this important journal has exerted its largest influence.

Among the other periodicals which fell to this Library, is a complete set each of London Illustrated Times and of the Illustrated News. These Pictorials are not only valuable for their graphic illustrations, which are splendid specimens of the art of Wood Engraving, but for their truthful record of passing events, constituting a complete journal of the domestic and foreign relations of the British Empire. A complete set of the London Punch, in 34 volumes, is a most desirable acquisition for its rich humor, its caustic wit and quaint illustra-

tions. These volumes prove an attractive feature of the Library, both to citizens and strangers, being kept from circulation and always to be found in the Library Room. The same remark will apply with even greater force to many other splendidly illustrated volumes in this collection, including the portfolios of chromo-lithographic views of scenes in Europe and on this continent.

A set of the London Mechanic's Magazine, in 67 volumes, and others on Agriculture and Horticulture, are works of great practical value for their varied information on the topics of which they treat.

It so happened, as anticipated by the donor, that among the books, especially the old English classics, were found many duplicates of works already on our shelves. In accordance with this expectation, he expressly provides, that in such cases, and also with regard to works not desirable for the Library, they may be exchanged for others. In compliance with this permission, while some choice editions of works already in our possession have been retained, the Committee have replaced others with publications of later dates and of more immediate general interest.

To provide shelf room for this important accession, the Trustees have provided a new double case, uniform with those already in the Library Room. This furnishes another alcove and gives a more finished aspect to the eastern side of the room.

The whole number of volumes in the Library, as appears by the Accession Catalogue, is 11,527. The number loaned the past year was 21,702, which is about the same number as last year. These were all returned but six volumes.

If any proof were needed that the interest in the Library is undiminished, it may be found in the fact that the number of applications the past year to enjoy its privileges was 254, which is 76 more than in the preceding year. The whole number of those who have given their signatures to the Regulations is now 4,034.

The following persons have made donations of books during the past year :—

Henry Poor,-----	4 volumes.
B. C. Perkins,-----	2 “
Caleb W. Osborne,-----	4 “
William H. Little,-----	2 “
William Sutton,-----	1 volume.
F. Poole,-----	1 “
Nehemiah Cleaveland, Topsfield,-----	1 “
Rev. C. C. Sewall, Medfield,-----	3 volumes.
Public Library, Lynn,-----	1 volume.
George S. Poole, Washington,-----	1 “
City of Boston,-----	2 volumes.
Luke Dodge, Schenectady, N. Y.,-----	1 volume.
John B. Alley, Lynn,-----	4 volumes.
Total,-----	27 volumes.

Agreeably to a suggestion in the Report last year, the Trustees have procured a Record Book for the autographs of visiting strangers who may be attracted to the Institute by the fame of its founder or the objects of interest in and about the building. This book was opened on the 9th day of August last, and, in six months since that date, the number of names, with residence and date of visit, is 315. They comprise visitors from all parts of our own country, the British possessions, Europe and South America. This album has become already an object of considerable interest.

Respectfully submitted,

F. POOLE, *Librarian.*

Library and Lyceum Com. in acct. with G. A. Osborne, Treasurer.

1865.

Dr.

Feb. 12,	To paid Quintette Club,	\$3 00
23,	Librarian and Assistants,	112 50
Ap'l 27,	I. H. Abbott & Co., for binding,	6 50
27,	Revenue tax on books,	2 00
27,	John Moulton's bill,	1 00
27,	Grout & Munroe's bill, for expressing,	3 03
27,	John G. Felt's bill, for painting,	2 00
27,	E. P. Dutton & Co.'s bill for books,	36 45
May 4,	Librarian and Assistants,	112 50
July 6,	For preparing Catalogue,	120 50
19,	Chas. D. Howard's bill for printing, Catalogue,	245 26
21,	E. P. Dutton & Co.'s bill for books,	39 51
Aug. 14,	Librarian and Assistants,	112 50
14,	Librarian's Record Book,	8 00
Sept. 8,	R. W. Wilkinson's bill for periodicals,	50 50
Nov. 8,	Librarian and Assistants,	112 50
21,	S. B. Ives's bill for binding,	54 17
21,	Bartlett & Halliday's bill for books,	203 16
Dec. 1,	Page, Richardson & Co., bill for freight of books,	43 69
1,	Grout & Munroe's express,	2 50
6,	Lecturer, Rev. Mr. Hague,	25 00
19,	Prof. Cooke's lectures and expenses,	130 40
26,	Miss Eastman, readings,	25 00

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Jan. 1,	Rev. Mr. Wasson, lecture,	25 00
9,	Rev. Dr. Briggs, lecture,	25 00
19,	Jonathan Perley's bill for binding,	45 96
26,	E. P. Dutton & Co.'s bill for books,	35 50
26,	Prof. Chadbourne, lecture,	25 00
26,	Postage bill,	8 34
26,	Life of Lincoln,	2 75
26,	G. B. Loring, lecture,	25 00
26,	D. H. Townsend's bill,	14 50
Feb. 7,	F. Poole's bill for sundries,	13 00
7,	Librarian and Assistants,	112 50
7,	Wm. S. Osborne's bill,	8 00
12,	E. Littlefield's bill,	3 30
	Balance,	358 07

 \$2,153 59

1865.	Cr.
Feb. By balance,	\$119 09
Ap'l 24, By draft on Trustees,	200 03
July 6, By draft on Trustees,	600 00
Aug. 29, By rec'd for sale of books to Bartlett & Halliday, duplicates,	550 00
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Jan. 3, By draft on Trustees,	600 00
Feb. 7, By received for fines,	54 00
7, By received for catalogues,	30 50
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	\$2,153 59
Feb. 16, By balance,	358 07
Outstanding bills estimated at	\$150 00
	G. A. OSBORNE, <i>Treasurer.</i>
South Danvers, February 16th, 1866.	

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE FOREGOING ACCOUNT.

	Dr.
Paid for books and periodicals,	\$421 56
Paid for lectures,	286 40
Paid Librarian and Assistants, five quarters,	562 50
Paid for preparing, printing and binding catalogue,	365 76
Paid for binding books,	106 63
Paid for express,	20 03
Paid for postage,	8 34
Paid for incidentals,	24 30
Balance,	358 07
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	\$2,153 59
	Cr.
By balance,	\$119 09
By drafts on Trustees,	1,400 00
By received for sale of books,	550 00
By received for fines,	54 00
By received for catalogues,	30 50
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	\$2,153 59
Feb., 1866, By balance,	358 07
	G. A. OSBORNE, <i>Treasurer.</i>

Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with Geo. Osborne, Treas.

1865.	Dr.
Apr'l 6, To paid gas bill, three months to April 1st,	\$42 80
23, To paid Insurance policy No. 39,903, Neptune Office, 1 year, to 28th of March, 1866,	12 50
23, To paid Insurance policy No. 39,993, Neptune Office, 1 year, to 1st of April, 1866,	8 50
23, To paid Insurance policy No. 23,618, Franklin Office, 1 year, to 21st of April, 1866,	11 50
23, To paid South Danvers Lyceum and Library Committee's draft,	200 00
May 1, To paid sundry persons, per H. A. Hardy, viz:—	
W. Mills, for drain pipe,	\$33 60
Roach, for labor,	5 25
Grout & Munroe, for freight,	3 00
Cask for the drain,	75
Anderson, cloth for draping, { Obsequies of the }	5 80
Wellington, Alpacca for draping, { President U. S. }	12 95
	<hr/> 61 35
19, To paid S. Trask, mason, for repairs on brick walks, etc., . .	61 02
24, To paid four Aqueduct bills,	8 00
July 6, To paid S. Danvers Lyceum and Library Committee's draft, .	600 00
7, To paid gas bill, three months to July 1st,	14 80
29, To paid H. O. Warren, for coal,	107 00
29, To paid Gregory & Rob, for house paper,	\$21 31
Trask, mason, for labor on brick house,	12 43
Clark & Giddings, carpenters, for labor on do.,	5 53
Goldthwait, for grass sods,	4 00
	<hr/> 43 27
Aug. 19, To paid Whidden, painter, labor on brick house, . .	\$71 26
Sept. 7, To paid Whidden, painter, labor on hall of Inst., . .	10 18
	<hr/> 81 44
Sept. 7, To paid Danvers Library Committee's draft,	210 00
Oct. 5, To paid gas bill, three months to October 1st,	5 20
Noy. 8, To paid four Aqueduct bills for six months,	8 00
10, To paid Hills, carpenter,	26 50
10, To paid Folsom, carpenter, labor on brick house,	\$12 60
Labor on Library,	39 70
Labor on Library Alcove,	45 00
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1866.	
Jan. 3, To paid S. Danvers Lyceum and Library Committee's draft, .	600 00
Amount carried forward,	<hr/> \$2,199 18

	<i>Amount brought up,</i>	\$2,199 18
Jan. 9,	To paid gas bill, three months to January 1st, 1866,	27 20
16,	To paid J. H. Teague, as Janitor 1 year,	\$200 00
	Extra labor on the grounds,	14 75
		<hr/> 214 75
26,	To paid Franklin Insurance Co. on \$7,500, 1 year	
	to 14th January, 1867,	\$30 00
	Manufacturers Ins. Co. on \$5,000, 1 year to 14th	
	January, 1867,	15 00
	Manufacturers Ins. Co. on \$2,500, 1 year to 24th	
	January, 1867,	16 88
		<hr/> 61 88
29,	To paid sundries, per H. A. Hardy, viz:—	
	Charcoal, on March 10th, 1866,	\$1 80
	Ditto, on October 18th, 1865,	9 60
	Carpet nails,	33
	Brush,	75
	Tailor, for labor,	2 00
	Pail and broom,	1 07
		<hr/> 15 55
29,	To paid Trask, mason, bill,	\$9 40
	Mat, from the Institute for the blind,	9 15
	Clark & Giddings, carpentering,	14 01
	Whidden, painter,	4 22
		<hr/> 36 78
Feb. 22,	To paid Branch Library Committee the amount received of	
	Salem Mutual Insurance Co. on Sept. 2d, 1865, in re-	
	ducing the amount insured—the original premium hav-	
	ing been paid by said Committee,	40 00
22,	To paid for Government Stamps,	1 00
	Balance for new account,	48 78
		<hr/> \$2,645 12

Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with Geo. Osborne, Treas.

1865.		Cr.
Mar. 8,	By balance from last account,	\$7 89
29,	By interest from town of South Danvers, 6 months, on note	
	of \$7,000, to March 12th,	210 00
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	<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$217 89

<i>Amount brought up,</i>		\$217 89
Ap'l 7,	By dividend from Warren National Bank, on 3 shares, . . .	15 00
May 1,	By sundry persons for use of Hall, etc., viz:—	
	Thompson,	\$8 50
	Sale of old sofa,	8 00
	Father Kemp,	4 50
	Irving Association,	24 00
		<hr/> 45 00
	1, By rents from Woodbury, Grosvenor and Symonds, three months each, to April 1st,	116 50
30,	By interest from town of South Danvers, 6 months, on note of \$3,000, to 28th April, 1865,—note dated 1858, . . .	90 00
July 5,	By semi-annual cash donation from Geo. Peabody, Esq., of London, per hands of Blake Brothers & Co., of Boston, . . .	600 00
29,	By rents of Woodbury, three months to 1st July, . . .	\$52 00
	Symonds, 3 months to 1st July, final, . . .	37 50
	Grosvenor, 3 months to 1st July, . . .	37 50
		<hr/> 127 00
Sept. 2,	By cash from Salem Mutual Insurance Co., return of money paid by Branch Library Committee, (the policy reduced from \$3,000 down to \$1,000,)	40 00
7,	By interest from town of Danvers, six months, on note of \$7,000, to 25th of August,	210 00
20,	By interest from town of South Danvers, on note of \$7,000, 6 months to Sept. 12, 1865,—note dated Mar. 12, 1858, . . .	210 00
Oct. 12,	By dividend on 3 shares Warren National Bank,	15 00
Nov. 11,	By rent of Woodbury, 3 months to October 1st, . . .	\$52 00
	D. Galloup, from 28th July to Oct. 1st, . . .	26 23
	D. Grosvenor, 3 months to Oct. 1st, . . .	37 50
		<hr/> 115 73
30,	By interest from town of South Danvers, on note, 6 mos., . . .	90 00
1866.		
Jan. 3,	By semi-annual cash donation of Geo. Peabody, Esq., of London, per Blake Brothers & Co., of Boston,	600 00
29,	By rents of Woodbury, Galloup and Grosvenor, 3 months each to January 1st,	127 00
29,	By cash for rent of Hall, etc., as follows:—	
	Collins,	\$7 00
	Watts, October 18th,	8 50
	Collins, November 19th,	3 50
	For grass,	2 00
		<hr/> 26 00
		<hr/> \$2,645 12
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SOUTH DANVERS, February 24th, 1866.		
GEORGE OSBORNE, Treasurer.		

PERMANENT FUND OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE, VIZ:

1st, Town of Danvers, promissory note dated Feb. 25, 1857, . . .	\$7,000 00
2d, Town of So. Danvers, promissory note dated March 12, 1858, . . .	7,000 00
3d, Town of So. Danvers, promissory note dated April 28, 1858, . . .	3,000 00
4th, Three shares in Warren National Bank,	300 00
5th, Real Estate, comprising two dwelling houses with land and appurtenances, one of brick on the easterly side, and one of wood on the westerly side of the land belong- ing to, and on which the Institute Hall, is located, . . .	12,000 00
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	\$29,300 00
6th, The Peabody Institute Hall and land, with its Library and Cabinet of valuables, situate on Main Street, South Danvers,—not appraised pecuniarily.	
7th, The Branch Library of the Institute, located in the town of Danvers,—not appraised pecuniarily.	

GEORGE OSBORNE,

Treasurer for the Trustees of Peabody Institute.

SOUTH DANVERS, February 24th, 1866.

BRANCH LIBRARY.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE OF THE PEABODY
INSTITUTE, SOUTH DANVERS:—

Gentlemen:—In compliance with the rules of the Peabody Institute, we respectfully submit the following report of the Branch Library for the year ending February 1st, 1866.

The Library continues to interest and be of great use to a very large number of our citizens; and there has, perhaps, never been felt a deeper gratitude to our worthy donor in the hearts of our people than at the present time. While considering the pecuniary limitations which have precluded the

possibility of putting many new and valuable works upon our shelves, and the unusual excitement occasioned by the condition of our country, and also the unusually long period of two months during which the Library was closed, a very considerable diminution in the circulation might be expected. But we are happy to find, after comparing this with former years, it bears a much more favorable comparison than was expected.

But while our people have manifested this commendable zeal in storing their minds with the useful, many of our books bear testimony of severe usage, and from many families are returned very much defaced. The Librarian has from time to time spoken to those persons who have habitually mutilated books, also circulated cautions and posted notices reprimanding those who wilfully disobey our rules, and yet there is not that care taken which is so earnestly desired and hoped for the future.

We would not fail to make honorable mention of the renewed token of regard manifested for us by our former benefactor, GEORGE PEABODY, Esq., in presenting us 924 volumes, mostly very valuable works, and a very great addition to the Library. It would be strange, among so many books, should there not be some duplicates of such works as are already in the Library; but such as were, were exchanged for books of equal value, or sold and other books procured with the proceeds.

Number of names recorded on the book of signatures during the year, 168. No. of names on the ledger, 2436. No. of volumes delivered during the year, 9299. Average number per week, 227. No. now missing from the Library since it was first opened, 18. No. lost to the Library the past year, none. No. of volumes now in the Library, 5246. No. added to the Library during the year, 1032. Of this number the following were gifts:—George Peabody, Esq., presented, June 16, 924 volumes; Charles P. Preston presented 2, and Thomas Hitchcock, 12. No. of volumes bound, or re-bound, during the year, 167. There were 20 volumes laid one side,

not being considered by the Librarian worth returning. These books are mostly of a light character and designed for boys.

From the records kept by the Secretary, the finances appear as follows:

Expended for new books,	\$90 11	
Other expenses,	364 27	
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Whole expenses,	\$454 38	
Money in Treasury February 1st, 1865,		\$94 51
Money received from income of Fund,		420 00
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		\$514 51
		454 38
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Balance now in the Treasury,		\$60 13

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL P. FOWLER, *Chairman.*

Danvers, February 1st, 1866.*

BRANCH LIBRARY.

Library and Lyceum Committee in acct. with G. A. Osborne, Treas.

1865.

Dr.

Mar. 7,	To paid N. Hill's bill,	\$92 24
Ap'l 25,	To paid W. H. Piper & Co., bill for books,	6 20
25,	To paid James Campbell, bill for books,	46 41
May 3,	To paid Gas bills,	21 19
29,	To paid N. Hill's bill,	41 89
29,	To paid Salem Gazette, for printing,	8 87
July 7,	To paid City Fire Insurance Co.,	25 00
11,	To paid Nathaniel Hill's bill,	7 44
Sept. 1,	To paid E. T. Cressey's bill, for carpenter's work,	35 82
Oct. 24,	To paid Joseph W. Rope's bill, amount paid Salem Mutual Fire Insurance Co.,	61 90
Nov. 21,	To paid S. P. Fowler's bill,	43 25
Dec. 4,	To paid Gas bills,	20 27

1866.

Jan. 5,	To paid Potter, Bachelder & Co., bill for coal,	22 00
13,	To paid Chandler & Co., bill for periodicals,	8 00
23,	To paid S. P. Fowler's bill,	5 00
	Balance,	20 07
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		\$465 55

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1865.

Feb.	By balance,	\$45 55
Mar. 9,	By draft on Trustees,	210 00
Sept. 7,	By draft on Trustees,	210 00
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		\$465 55
		20 07
	February 16. 1866, By balance,	

G. A. OSBORNE, *Treasurer.*

BRANCH LIBRARY.

Library and System Committee in vol. with G. A. Osborne, Treas.

1885.	
Jan. 7.	To paid N. Hill's bill. \$22.54
Apr. 26.	To paid W. H. Fryer & Co., bill for books. 6.20
26.	To paid James Campbell, bill for books. 40.41
May 8.	To paid Gas bill. 21.19
25.	To paid N. Hill's bill. 41.89
26.	To paid Salem Gazette for advertising. 7.37
July 1.	To paid City Fire Insurance Co. 25.00
15.	To paid Nathaniel Hill's bill. 7.48
Sept. 1.	To paid E. T. Cressy's bill for carpenter's work. 33.83
Oct. 24.	To paid Joseph W. Hooper's bill, amount paid Salem National Fire Insurance Co. 61.80
Nov. 21.	To paid S. P. Towler's bill. 43.20
Dec. 4.	To paid Gas bill. 20.21

1886.

Jan. 4.	To paid Butler, Hancher & Co., bill for coal. 22.00
15.	To paid Chandler & Co., bill for periodicals. 8.00
23.	To paid S. P. Towler's bill. 8.00
	Balance. 20.07
	<hr/> \$103.53

1887.

Feb.	By balance. \$15.52
Mar. 2.	By cash on Treas. 210.00
Apr. 1.	By cash on Treas. 210.00
	<hr/> \$435.52
	20.07

G. A. OSBORNE, Treasurer.